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News & Notes

Nov. 4 - Nov. 19, 2014



ABOUT WARD 4

Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.



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In the Know

VOTE

Election Day is today and polls will be open from 6am-7pm. If you need to find a polling place, you can locate one by going to this website http://www.pima.gov/elections/polling/ and entering your home address. Before you head down there, make sure you have one of the following from the lists listed below to show proof of identity. The following will be accepted:



List #1 – Sufficient Photo ID (including name and address)

- Valid Arizona driver license or non-operating identification
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid U.S. federal, state or local government issued identification

List #2 – Sufficient ID without photo bearing the name and address (two required)

- Utility bill of the voter that is dated within 90 days of the date of election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television.
- Bank or Credit Union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian Census Card
- Property tax statement of the voter's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle Insurance Card
- Valid U.S. federal, state, or local government issued identification
- Voter Registration Card / Recorder's Certificate
- Any "Official Election Material" mailing bearing your name and address

If you would like more information on what is accepted and the rules, please visit http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalld=169&pageld=36143.

Now if you are still unsure of who you will be voting for and would like to have more information on the candidates, then head to this web page at http://www.azcleanelections.gov/docs/default-source/Candidate-Statements/cspenglish.pdf?sfvrsn=2.

VIN Etching

The Tucson Police Department (TPD), Arizona Automobile Theft Authority, and Regional Auto Theft Law Enforcement Response will offer free window etching of Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) for motorists Friday, Nov.7th from 9am - 1pm in front of the Pantano Branch of Sun West Federal Credit Union, 7725 E. Broadway Blvd.

VIN etching is a permanent theft deterrent. If a car is stolen with etching, thieves would have to replace every piece of glass before selling it. An added bonus, some insurance companies will offer a discount for vehicles that have the etching done. If you attend the event, please donate at least two nonperishable food items for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.



New to ODE

We have a new Captain and a new Lieutenant in Operations Division Eastside. Captain Carla Johnson has taken a new position. We would like to introduce you to them both.

Captain Chad Kasmar is a native Tucsonan and a University of Arizona graduate. He has worked for the City of Tucson for over 18 years and with the Police Department in numerous capacities the past 14 years. He has a diverse background with a variety of assignments over the course of his career. Captain Kasmar was promoted to Lieutenant in November of 2011 and assigned to the

promoted to Lieutenant in November of 2011 and assigned to the Field Services Bureau, Operations Division West. As a Patrol Commander he became involved with the investigation of metal theft. He worked with Property Crime Commanders and Patrol Commanders to create the Tucson Police Department's Metal Theft Reduction Apprehension Plan, M.T.R.A.P. Captain Kasmar has a focus on teamwork and fostering collaborative efforts for sustainable, meaningful solutions for the challenges that face our community. He was involved with legislative reform pertaining to metal theft bill HB2262 in 2012. He spent 18 months in the Office of Internal Affairs prior to being promoted to Captain. As a newly promoted Captain he is extremely pleased to be working in the largest Division in the City, with some of the finest members of the Tucson Police Department.



Along with a new Captain, we also have a new Lieutenant. Lieutenant Diana Lopez is a native Tucsonan and a proud mother of three children. Her oldest son is currently an active duty member in the United States Army. Lieutenant Diana Lopez became a member of the Tucson Police Department in February of 2000. Since that time she has held a variety of positions on the

Department allowing her insight into many different areas of the department and the community. She began her career as a patrol officer focusing on the prostitution and narcotics issues in the division. She then took an administrative assignment with allowed her to work closely with neighborhood associations and address community concerns. She had a very short stint as a Neighborhood Crimes Detective before testing to become a Sergeant. She spent approximately seven years as a Sergeant in the Downtown, Midtown and South Divisions and the Public Information Office. Lieutenant Lopez promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Downtown Division, Communications and now Operations Division East. Her variety of assignments have allowed to work through diverse situations, therefore giving her a better understanding of the community needs and concerns. She is excited to be part of the Command Staff in Operations Division East and looks forward to improving the Tucson Police Departments relationship with our eastside community. "I believe in working towards long term resolutions to address neighborhood concerns and make Tucson a safer place to live and work for all."

P&R

Here's a little update on what's coming up with Tucson Parks and Rec.

Jennie Finch Softball Camp:

Register for a two day camp (Nov 8-Nov 9) with Jennie Finch at the Lincoln Park Softball Complex (8116 E. Escalante Rd). The camp is open to all girls in the third grade and up. Advanced registration is required and space is limited. \$195.00/camper. Register at jenniefinch.com.

Facility Closures: All City of Tucson Parks and Recreation facilities will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog:

The Spring 2015 Program
Guide and Class Catalog will
be available on Monday,
November 10 at all Parks and
Recreation facilities. You can
also find it on-line at
www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandr

The F Word

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), A flu vaccine is needed every season for two reasons. First, the body's immune response from vaccination declines over time, so an annual vaccine is needed for optimal protection. Second, because flu viruses are constantly changing, the formulation of the flu vaccine is reviewed each year



changing, the formulation of the flu vaccine is reviewed each year and sometimes updated to keep up with changing flu viruses. For the best protection, everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated annually.

- Flu vaccination can help protect people who are at greater risk of getting seriously ill from the flu, like older adults, people with chronic health conditions and young children (especially infants younger than 6 months old who are too young to get vaccinated).
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of more serious flu outcomes, like hospitalizations and deaths.

Bottom line, there isn't any reason not to get a flu shot. Flu shots are available at many locations including doctor's offices, clinics, health departments, and pharmacies like Walgreens and CVS. It takes about 2 weeks for the vaccine to take effect, so getting it sooner than later is a good idea. If you have any health concerns in regards to getting a flu shot, talk about your concerns with doctor. For more information about the flu vaccination visit the CDC website at, http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/keyfacts.htm.

A Pink Baby Chick



Say hello to this new little flamingo chick, hatched on October 17! Keepers are observing the chick closely, but will keep a respectful distance and allow mom and dad to care for the little one undisturbed. Here is a little more info on

this small arrival at Reid Park Zoo.

At hatching, a flamingo chick is the size of a tennis ball, has gray down feathers and stays on the nest mound for 5 to 12 days. The chick is fed a type of "milk" called crop milk that comes from the parents' upper digestive tract. (Flamingos share this trait with pigeons.) As the parents feed their chicks the crop milk, they are drained of their color—so much so that their plumage turns a pale pink or white! The parents gain this color back eventually as the chicks become independent and eat on their own.

You can always keep up with Reid Park Zoo and the baby chick by liking Reid Park Zoo's facebook page https://www.facebook.com/ReidParkZoo?fref=ts.

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Houghton Road: Irvington to Valencia

Our contractor is on a one-year warranty for any damage within the project area, and we can have them come out and fix anything we think needs repair. We appreciate your calls letting us know where these areas are, and we will continue to address them as they come up. Any regular maintenance items, such as rocks on the road, or a dirt filled in drainage channel can be referred to our streets maintenance number, 791-3191.

We have received many, many emails and phone calls about the "weeds". We hear you! We are actively working on this issue. We are planning on trimming the weeds along the path and roadway, and then we will spray pre-emergent to prevent future growth in these areas. We are also verifying the type of seed mix used, to make sure it was in compliance with our standards.

Our concern is that our seed/grasses look larger than our landscaping, because our landscaping hasn't had a chance to grow, and the grasses are being mistaken for weeds. We assure you, the weeds have been removed and these are the intended grasses. If we remove the grasses, we contribute to erosion, dust pollution and add to the "heat island effect". Over time, the grasses will change, some will thin out, and some will grow shorter as they meet with rains and wind. While that is happening, our planted landscaping will have time to mature and proportionally look much better in and around the grasses.

Houghton Road: Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad and UPRR Bridge to Interstate 10

Schedule: Construction on these projects is still anticipated to begin sometime in mid-2015. We are wrapping up the final design documents, and will include presenting some drawings on these projects when we have our Ward 4 CDRC meeting on November 13th in addition to discussing the street lighting issues.

Houghton Road: Valencia to Old Vail/Mary Ann Cleveland Way The Ward 4 CDRC committee will be utilized as our public outreach advisory group for this project. If your neighborhood is in this project area and is not represented on this committee, please let us know so we can address that. We are getting lots of great items to add to our "parking lot" list for future discussion and things for our first agenda for this project. Prior to that, we will be having a special Ward 4 CDRC meeting and Houghton Corridor Open House to discuss street lighting along the corridor, and we can add some other Ward 4 corridor-specific items to that agenda as well.

M.J. Dillard City of Tucson Engineering Project Manager 520-837-6616

SENIOR LUNCH

The City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department and Pima Council on Aging offers a a senior lunch program at Freedom Center (5000 E. 29th Street, 791-4969) and Clements Regional Recreation Center (8155 E. Poinciana Drive, 791-5787). The program is funded by the PCOA organization, and individuals ages 60 and over, and their spouses of any age are welcome to participate. Meals are generally served at noon, Monday through Friday. The meals provide 1/3 of the daily recommended dietary allowances. Meals are provided on a reservation basis and must be reserved the week prior.





M&C

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 due to election day. Study Session will begin at 1:30pm and Regular Session starting promptly at 5:30pm. Here is a little of what is on the agenda.

Study Session:

Item # 4 – Update on Graffiti and Code Enforcement Item #5 - Council Meeting Vote Transparency Item #7 - Allocation of Funds from the National Service Line

Warranty Program Discussion. Item #8 - City Manager Recruitment and Hiring **Process**

Regular Session:

Item #6 - Call to the Audience Item #7a - Tucson Code: Amending (Chapter 1) Relating to Precincts Within Wards

To review the whole agenda for this meeting visit, http://clerks.tucsonaz.gov/cler

ks/mcdocs. If you can't make it to City Hall (255 W. Alamenda) for the meeting, you can always watch the live stream by going to www.tucson12.tv.

Coming Up...

Little Critters Workshop for - Animal Families Fri., Nov. 7, 9am-10am, Reid Park Zoo



Tigers have mommies and daddies just like we do! So do bears, giraffes, and even birds. We'll visit some animals who stay in family groups and some who like to explore on their own. Bring your own family to the zoo and see how you compare. This program is appropriate for ages 2-5 years. An adult chaperone is required. Prices are \$10 for Zoo Member children and \$16 for non-member children; chaperones may attend at no charge.

25th Annual All Souls Procession Weekend

Sat., Nov. 08 - Sun., Nov. 09, 6th Avenue & 6th Street Many Mouths One Stomach presents the 25th All Souls Procession Weekend: Procession of Little Angels and Night of the Living Fest (Saturday), and All Souls Procession and Dance of the Dead (Sunday). The Procession is a 2-mile (roughly 2hour), human-powered, slow and sober ceremonial march through downtown Tucson that ends with a celebratory ritual featuring the burning of a gigantic urn filled with messages, prayers, and remembrances provided by participants near and far. Much more taking place, visit

http://allsoulsprocession.org/ for more info. Starting time for parade is roughly around 6:30pm. Voluntary donations of \$1-\$10 per person collected during Procession.

Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony

Tue., Nov. 11, 11am, 330 W Franklin St, Tucson, AZ 85701 Come out and show your support this Veterans Day, remembering all those who serve our Country. For more information about this event, please visit,





9th Annual Family Festival

Sat., Nov. 15, 10am-2pm, Reid Park

This free event includes: sports and family games, inflatable's, crafts, golf clinic, tennis games, and demonstrations of pottery, and drawing offered by the leisure class unit. The Reid Park Zoo will have free admission as well as the Edith Ball Adaptive Recreation Center hosting an afternoon of free swimming from Noon-4 p.m. and Tucson City Golf will offer a free 10-minute golf instruction at the Randolph Driving Range adjacent to the park on Alvernon Way from 10 a.m.-noon. Visit http://parks.tucsonaz.gov/parks/announcement/family-festival-park for more information.







In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit

http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to www.pcoa.org

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti for more information on removal or reporting.

